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- 1. LAST NIGHT, FRENCH AMBASSADOR ANDRE ACCOMPANIED ME
 TO A STAG DINNER IN PORVOO GIVEN FOR 15 RESIDENT AMBASSADORS
 IN FINLAND BY NESTI OY, THE LARGEST REFINERY IN
 SCANDINAVIA. ON THE HOUR-LONG RETURN TRIP, ANDRE
 OPENED UP CONCERNING THE NEW LOOK IN US-FRENCH RELATIONS.
 HE SAID THAT WHEREAS POMPIDOU HAD TENDED TO TAKE A NEGATIVE
 ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US, THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT
 GISCARD IS LOOKING FORWARD TO CLOSE COOPERATION. "IN
 FACT," ANDRE SAID, "YOU CAN EXPECT ALMOST 180 DEGREES
 CHANGE IN THE FRENCH ATTITUDE."
- 2. ANDRE HAS ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY, BUT USUALLY NON-COMMITTAL CONCERNING HIS COUNTRY'S STAND TOWARD THE US. HIS NEW POSITION IS BEING REPORTED IN THE EVENT IT FITS INTO WORLDWIDE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS. KREHBIEL

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